



Notice City Commission Special Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 26, 2015

Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center

400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684

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At the request of City Manager Marty Colburn, City Clerk Benjamin Marentette has called this special meeting.

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c/o Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC, City Clerk
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The mission of the Traverse City City Commission is to guide the preservation and development of the City's infrastructure, services, and planning based on extensive participation by its citizens coupled with the expertise of the city's staff. The Commission will both lead and serve Traverse City in developing a vision for sustainability and the future that is rooted in the hopes and input of its citizens and organizations, as well as cooperation from surrounding units of government.

Welcome to the Traverse City Commission meeting!

Any interested person or group may address the City Commission on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Commissioner. Also, any interested person or group may address the City Commission on any matter of City concern not on the Agenda during the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time. Such limitation shall not be less than five minutes unless otherwise explained by the presiding officer, subject to appeal by the Commission.

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call.

1. Presentation by Mayor Michael Estes of a Mayoral tribute to McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty, in appreciation of their presence in downtown Traverse City as a transformative corporate citizen, creating tremendous economic development for the region. (Mayor Michael Estes)
2. Consideration of authorizing a letter of intent to the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Council, affirming the City's desire to complete the Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project. (Marty Colburn)
3. Consideration of entering into closed session to discuss an attorney-client communication in connection with a personnel matter regarding the incident involving former City Manager Jered Ottenwess. (Marty Colburn) (5 affirmative votes required)
4. Announcements from the City Clerk. (Benjamin Marentette)

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5. Public Comment.

6. Adjournment.

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The City of Traverse City

Communication to the City Commission

FOR THE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2015

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2015

FROM:  MARTY COLBURN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 26 SPECIAL MEETING

This memo covers the Special Meeting for Monday evening.

1. *Presentation by Mayor Michael Estes of a Mayoral tribute to McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty, in appreciation of their presence in downtown Traverse City as a transformative corporate citizen, creating tremendous economic development for the region.*

On Monday evening, Mayor Michael Estes will present the above, much-deserved tribute to Hagerty CEO McKeel Hagerty.

2. *Consideration of authorizing a letter of intent to the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Council, affirming the City's desire to complete the Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project.*

The City Commission met in joint session with the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Council on October 7, to receive an update on this project. Additionally, the City Commission informally articulated its desire to complete this project. Attached is a letter of intent that would be signed by the Mayor and myself, if the City Commission so authorizes.

I recommend the following motion:

that Mayor Michael Estes and City Manager Martin Colburn be authorized to sign a letter affirming the City's intent to complete the Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project as submitted with the packet materials for the City Commission's October 26, 2015, Special Meeting.

3. *Consideration of entering into closed session to discuss an attorney-client communication in connection with a personnel matter regarding the incident involving former City Manager Jered Ottenwess.*

I request that the City Commission enter into closed session immediately following the public comment portion of the agenda to discuss this matter. I recommend the following motion; five affirmative votes with a roll call vote is required:

that the City Commission enter into closed session immediately following the public comment portion of the agenda to discuss an attorney-client communication in connection with a personnel matter regarding the incident involving former City Manager Jered Ottenwess, as authorized by MCL 15.268(h).

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copy: Tom Menzel, Grand Traverse County Administrator
Dean Bott, Grand Traverse County Deputy Administrator
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October 27, 2015

The Honorable Christine Maxbauer
Chairwoman of the Grand Traverse County
Board of Commissioners
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

The Honorable Al Pedwaydon
Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal
Council
2605 West Bay Shore Drive
Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Dear Chairwoman Maxbauer and Chairman Pedwaydon:

Subject: Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project Letter of Intent

The City Commission, at its October 26, 2015, Special Meeting, took action authorizing us to send you this letter on behalf of the City of Traverse City. The purpose of this letter is to affirm the City of Traverse City's intent to complete the important Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project, which will restore the Boardman River Ecosystem.

First, thank you for meeting in joint session with the City Commission on October 7, 2015, to discuss the Boardman River Dam Deconstruction Project. We appreciate the partnership and collaboration between our organizations to move this project forward.

On September 20, 2010, the City Commission adopted a resolution articulating the City's commitment, through a coordinated process, to secure the funding support from other sources in addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to achieve the shared goals for a coordinated process to pursue the removal of the Sabin, Boardman and Brown Bridge dams and to modify the Union Street Dam.

To date, we have completed the removal of the Brown Bridge Dam; 90% of the design for Boardman Dam removal, and 30% of the design for Sabin Dam Removal. Collectively, over \$13.2 million in grants have been invested in this project which will restore the Boardman River Ecosystem.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has offered an \$8 million grant for this important project, provided \$2.2 million in funds are allocated from non-federal sources. Approximately \$525,000 in non-federal sourced funds are needed for the City-owned Union Street Dam modification. The City understands grant is contingent upon the project owners providing a letter of intent to complete this important project.

The City of Traverse City fully intends to complete this project and work with our partners through regular, open communication and cooperative efforts to ensure the completion of this important endeavor that will benefit our region for generations to come. We ask that you join us in affirming your organization's intent to complete this project with us.

Sincerely,

Michael Estes
Mayor

Martin A. Colburn
City Manager

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copy: Frank Dituri, Boardman River Dams & Restoration Implementation Team Chairman
Tom Menzel, Grand Traverse County Administrator
Dean Bott, Grand Traverse County Deputy Administrator
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk